

Oaks Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

# Oaks Notes



## Acorns on the Ground

### Contemplative Prayer

Reverend Jesse and Mrs. Myers from First Christian Bryan/College Station were involved in a hit and run collision with an 18 wheeler in Oklahoma on their way to visit their grandson on March 17, 2011. Mrs. Myers sustained several injuries and will be going through therapy for six weeks after her release from the hospital.

The following is an excerpt from Reverend Jesse's sermon to his congregation last Sunday.

Do you feel like you're always asking God for something? Try contemplative prayer and follow Reverend Jesse's guidelines for preparing yourself to listen to God. Let God do the talking.

Until March 17 I had tried to cultivate that sense of dwelling in the presence of God without ever feeling I was really connecting. While putting together material on contemplative prayer I learned something. Almost all the time we spend with God in prayer comes because we are ask-

ing for something. That brings to mind my year old grandson. Like every little one he relates to those around him primarily in connection with his needs. With regard to God we are mostly like toddlers. We talk to God mostly when we want something. Contemplative prayer is different. It's not about asking for anything. It's a prayer without words. It's just offering love to God. The technique I discovered is simple. Before you begin place in your mind the feeling of love. Think of some moment when you have felt the feeling of pure love, and recapture that feeling. Then slowly and deliberately begin breathing deeply in and out, while mentally focusing on the word Father. As you do this focus that feeling of love on God without words and without asking God for anything. That is deeply worshipful, and in that ambulence I dwelt in the presence of God. Life is precious. God is good, and I have been given more grace than I need or deserve. Today I am in the presence of God and I don't want to waste any of the precious moments I am given.

*Barb Scantlin*


*Oaks Christian Church is a family church that loves to share God's word, God's Love, and God's fellowship with the world. We are a church in the near inner loop that strives to be a helpful part of the community. We are about Deep Christian spirituality, a true community and a passion for Justice. We celebrate communion every Sunday service and all who believe are welcome to receive.*

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# APRIL 2011

Disciples of Christ - Bound Together in Love

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Bread Sunday	4	5 CWF -Visitation	6	7	8	9 
10	11	12 Prayer Circle CWF - Love Meals	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 CWF -Service	20	21	22	23  FREE SOUP SATURDAY
24	25	26 CWF -General Mtg./ Covered Dish	27	28	29	30
<b>Scripture for April:</b> Week Two: I Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14; Johns 9:1-41 Week Three: Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45 Week Four: Matthew 21:1-11; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Week Five: Jeremiah 31:1-6; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Colossians 3:1-4, Matthew 28:1-10						

## Schedule of Events

- April 3 - Reverend Linda Hopkins
- April 9 - Golden Travelers - 
- April 10 - Reverend Todd Williams
- April 10 - Covered Dish, Games, Terry's Crafters
- April 17 - Reverend Todd Williams
- April 17 - Easter Egg Hunt/Bunny
- April 24 - Reverend Todd Williams
- April CWF Hostess, Barb Scantlin

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS:

- 3 - Matthew Rasco
- 9 - Robert Dyes
- 10 - Jennifer Salinas
- 11 - Roy King
- 17 - Katelyn Clawson
- 18 - Zackery Smith
- 26- Ruth Conover
- 26 - Kelly Saldivar
- 29 - Rosanne Henderson

### APRIL ANNIVERSARIES:

- 3 - Albert and Carole Green
- 14 - Lara and Michael Rasco

Church Office Closed on Fridays.

- Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m. and Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
- If you have something for the calendar, or if we missed your birthday or anniversary, please let the Church Office know.

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**Announcements, Nurturing Updates, Thank You Notes, Church Attendance and Treasurer's Report**  
**ARTICLES ARE DUE NO LATER THAN LAST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT NOON!**

### Answered Prayer

Each meeting of the Search Team begins with a prayer asking for God's grace, wisdom and leading for Oaks church. Ask any of the team and you can confirm that He hears us and is answering our prayers.

The team has met five times since late February including one meeting with Dani Loving Cartwright our Regional Minister from Ft. Worth. Working with Dani and Marilyn Duncan of the CPA we have been presented with five very qualified candidates for our Interim Minister position. We have conducted Initial phone interviews with our top candidates.

The team feels that we need to have our Interim Minister in place as soon as possible and with God's help we will see this happen. Please continue to pray for Oaks and for a successful conclusion to this phase of the search process.

The following members have been elected to serve on the pulpit committee: Bob Simons (Elder), Larry Scruggs and Katherine Whitley (Deacons), Ruth Conover and Kathy O'Dell, (non-board members, elected by the Congregation).

*Bob Simons – Pulpit Committee Chairman*

### The Schedule for Palm Sunday and Easter is as follows:

#### April 17 - Palm Sunday

There will be a Salad Luncheon following services with everyone bringing a Salad to share. Lunch will be followed by an Easter Egg Hunt and a visit from the Easter bunny.

#### April 24 - Easter

Sunrise Service will be at 7:30 a.m. followed by breakfast in Kirchner Hall at 8:00 a.m. Worship at 10:45 a.m.

Reverend Todd Williams will be proclaiming God's word from the pulpit on April 10, 17, and 24. Please invite friends and family to join us during the month of April. Iglesia Cristiana Renovada Sion will also be joining us during worship.

*Barb Scantlin*

### Nurturing Updates for March:

- Rev. and Mrs. Jesse Myers of 1<sup>st</sup> Christian in Bryan/College Station. Car totaled in 18 wheeler hit and run in OK. Mrs. Myers sustained several injuries.
- Anne Hudson hospitalized and having a stent put in.
- Kathy Sanders hospitalized with a medication reaction.
- JoNell Hajovsky hasn't been feeling well.

### Thank you to CWF



Thanks for the lovely meal provided by you on Monday, the 14th.

During a time like this we realize how much our friends and relatives really mean to us... Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered.

*The Garbee and Odena Families*



### Thank You

To the Oaks Family:  
*Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.*  
 The picture is beautiful! We will remember you in our prayers, as we hope you will keep us in yours.

God Bless Always

Randy and Cheryl Burke

P.S. - Thanks for the nice meal on our last Sunday.

### Church Attendance and Treasurer's Report

#### March Church Attendance

Attendance for the Month of March	Sunday School	Church Attendance
March 6, 2011	16	39
March 13, 2011	17	45
March 20, 2011	19	53
March 27, 2011	17	47
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>184</b>

#### From the Treasurer - Dorene Drake

Operating Account 2011	January	February	March
Deposits	\$10,697.00	\$48,239.48	Next Newsletter
Disbursements	(\$10,249.42)	(9,619.30)	Next Newsletter
Difference	\$447.58	\$300.10	Next Newsletter

Year-to-date there has been \$1,000 transferred from Designated Fund.

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## Oaks Christian Church

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### FOOD NEEDED FOR MANNA'S PANTRY

**For more information  
Contact**

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#### **Items Needed:**

Peanut butter,  
can or powdered milk,  
can soup, spaghetti or  
noodles, can meat and  
can potatoes.

**Open Mon, Tues and  
Thurs 9:30 a.m. –  
11:30pm.**



### Prayer Circle

Every Second Tuesday of the Month  
9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. in Kirchner Hall.

Everyone Welcome!

*Don't worry about anything, but pray about everything. With  
thankful hearts offer up your prayers and requests to God.  
Philippians 4:6*

### Board Happenings -

**Barb Scantlin, Board Chair - Friendly Reminder:**

**There will be a General Board Meeting, April 10, 2011 after  
church. There will be NO Executive Board Meeting for the  
month of March.**

**Thank you.**